

Urban Sanitary District of Winterton.

REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health

For Year Ending December 31st, 1907.

Births and Deaths.

During the year 1907 there were 33 births and 25 deaths, thus showing a preponderance of births over deaths. The quarter ending 31st March showed the largest number of deaths, 9 being registered. The following quarter showed the smallest number, there being only 3. The infantile mortality has been the lowest since I was appointed Medical Officer of Health, only one child having died under 1 year of age. The following table shows the ages at which deaths occurred.

1 died under 1 year of age.

None died between 1 year and 5 years of age.

1 died between 5 years and 15 years of age.

2 died between 15 years and 25 years of age.

9 died between 25 years and 65 years of age.

12 died over 65 years of age.

Of the 33 births 16 were boys and 17 were girls.

Infectious Diseases.

Four cases of enteric fever have been notified during the year. These cases occurred in three houses all in Northlands Road. All four cases were traced to sewage contamination of the drinking water.

Two cases of diphtheria were reported to me. One of these was introduced from Hull; the other case was infected from this one.

Sanitary Conditions.

The number of privy pans is on the increase, and the number being emptied at the expense of the Council is considerably in advance of the number emptied last year. Nevertheless there is a large number of pits and cesspools in the town, and these are in close proximity to wells. Many of these cesspools are exceedingly faulty, allowing their contents to percolate into the wells, which are all too close. I have repeatedly warned the Council that this may become the source of an epidemic of enteric fever. However the Council have not realised the serious position, and proceed to insist on cesspools being used for new property.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

W. I. T. BAKER,

Medical Officer of Health.

